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Docket No: 712-051 (PRIVATE)

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**APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT
DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION**

As a below-named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name; I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention which is described and which is claimed in the specification, entitled:

EXTERNAL FORCEPS CHANNEL DEVICE FOR ENDOSCOPE

The specification [] is attached hereto [xx] was filed on November 18, 2005 as Application Serial No. 10/557,928.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of said specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.¹

{PRIVATE } COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE (Day, Month, Year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119
Japan	2003-152445	29 May 2003	Yes [X] No []
PCT	PCT/JP2004/00 5854	23 May 2004	Yes [X] No []

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

¹In Non-Convention cases, a listing of all filings and current status of cases filed more than a year before the U.S. filing is required to comply with 37 CFR 1.56(a). Such a listing may be attached.

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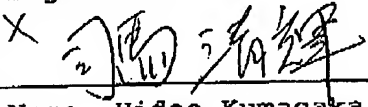
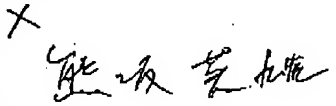
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The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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